

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 with Chairman Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Jodi Brennan, County Planner; Tyler Nichols ABM Building Solutions; Alan Brown and Chelsea Burns, Enterprise Fleet Management; Betina Nicklas, Director of Veterans Affairs; Diane Byers, Courier Express/Progress; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehmann, WOKW; Cameron Strom and Justin Jarrett, IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$4,192,092.25; Hazardous Materials Funds, \$,1548.06; 911 Fund, \$61,440.35; Hotel Tax Fund, \$186,719.66; Communities Development Block Grant, \$130,812.16; Domestic Relations Fund, \$10,010.21; Children Youth Service Funds, \$481,241.22. approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

#### Personnel Changes

New Hires – Maci Coleman, Caseworker/CYS, effective 5/23/22

Paul Bojalad, Caseworker/CYS, effective 5/23/22

Madison Shaw, Telecommunicator/911, effective 6/2/22

Troy Peace, Telecommunicator/911, effective 6/2/22

Tina Porter, Telecommunicator/911, effective 6/2/22

Elizabeth Lewis, Telecommunicator/911, effective 6/2/22

Transfers – Lynn Miller, DJ Secretary/Magistrate Morris, effective 5/31/22.

Separations/Retirements – Tonya Weitoish, Caseworker/Supervisor, effective 5/20/22

Renee Hudish, DJ Secretary/Magistrate Glass, effective 7/29/22

Jeff Peteuil, Caseworker/ CYS, effective 7/31/22.

Approval of the personnel changes by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Weitoish, Ms. Hudish and Mr. Peteuil for their many years of service to the County.

Public Comment – Betina Nicklas attended the meeting to speak about the Crown Crest Cemetery (now Stires Cemetery). Ms. Nicklas spoke that she and the Commissioner's office have been receiving phone calls as to the lack of care being given at the cemetery and also that flags have not been placed on the

Veterans graves. Ms. Nicklas has contacted the local VFW and Legion who have agreed to announce that volunteers are needed to place flags on the more than 1200 veterans who are buried at Crown Crest. Commissioner Sobel spoke with the owner and he advised him that he has hired a lawn care service to mow the grass prior to Memorial Day.

Old Business – None

New Business

Chair Sobel opened the bids for the Jail Parking Lot Repair and Replacement. The following bids were received: BK Asphalt Paving, \$226,133; Glenn O. Hawbaker, \$203,122; HRI, \$188,000. Motion to award the bid to HRI in the amount of \$188,000 pending approval by the Solicitor by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Jodi Brennan asked the Board to approve adoption of the Solid Waste Plan update for years 2023-2033. After adoption there will be a 90-day ratification period and also notification will be sent to the County Municipalities of the plan update that will need approved by the municipalities or 50 % the population of the plan. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Brennan and the volunteers that served on the Solid Waste Advisory Board. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-#3 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel spoke that the County has been working with Enterprise Fleet Management to consider entering into an agreement with Enterprise to manage the County's 26 vehicles by trading in the older vehicles for new vehicles and continue the rotation with replacing vehicles every 2-4 years so that we are not spending money on costly repairs and also having vehicles that get better gas mileage. Mr. Brown explained by entering into the agreement for the next ten years the County should realize a \$370,000 savings to the County with the maintenance and gas mileage savings. The County will need to approve the following documents: Master Lease Agreement, Maintenance Agreement, Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement, Agreement to Sell FM Customer Vehicles, Consignment Auction Agreement-agreement, Credit Application. Approval of the Master Lease Agreement, Maintenance Agreement, Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement, Agreement to Sell FM Customer Vehicles, Consignment Auction Agreement-agreement, by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve the Credit Application by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glass spoke of the upcoming changes to non-union employee salaries and benefits. Changes to the health insurance are as follows effective:

#### HEALTH INSURANCE CHANGES

Effective 6/1/2022, your premium share will be reduced from current levels to \$50/month for single, \$70/month for 2-party, and \$105/month for family coverage.

Effective 8/1/2022, spouses of county employees who have access to other insurance through their job, or through Medicare, will be ineligible to remain on the County health insurance. Children will NOT be affected by this change.

Anyone not participating in the county health insurance, who is eligible to do so, will get a \$2000 per year 'opt-out' bonus paid monthly. This is an increase of \$500 over the current system, the increase is the ONLY CHANGE and is retroactive to 1/1/2022.

None of the other provisions of your health insurance (deductibles, copays, covered benefits, etc.) will change from the current plan.

#### PENSION

Effective 1/1/2023, all new hires will be in the 1/80 pension class. Current employees, and employees hired by 12/31/2022 will REMAIN in the current 1/60 class.

Commissioner Glass noted that Salary Changes will be addressed at the Salary Board meeting of June 14, 2022. Motion to approve the changes to the Non-Union employees benefits by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel spoke about the ongoing renovations to the County Jail and the newly discovered issues with the roof and the need for additional repairs. Chair Sobel introduced Tyler Nichol of ABM the company that was contracted with to complete the renovations to the building. Mr. Nichol explained that while working on the jail it was discovered that there was no bond beam in the roof, even though it was on the as built plans and the original design. Mr. Nichol explained that the roof is essentially

floating on top of the building, and is not mechanically fastened. Mr. Nichol said that the issue with the roof has most likely been the cause of all of the roof leaks and leaks around the sky lights. The cost to make the roof repairs and correct the problem will be \$2,931.760. Additional issues of concern that are being recommended to be corrected are repairs to the brick façade that has been damaged by the roof leaking and water running between the wall and the brick which freezes and thaws causing the bricks to push out. Several water lines also need replaced and water efficient fixtures need replaced in jail cells. The total cost to make the roof repairs and additional repairs will be \$3,878.660, with funds for the project most likely financed or possibly utilize American Rescue Act funds. Motion to pass Resolution 2022-#4 authorizing ABM Building Solutions, LLC to implement all parts of the scope of the project as stated to address the additions and parts presented at today's meeting by ABM by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Bozovich reported that there are some Election Lawsuits pending. Solicitor Bozovich will keep the Commissioners apprised as any Court Orders are filed.

Commissioner Glass noted that the Board of Elections will hold a meeting Tuesday to deal with undated Absentee/Mail In ballots and how they will be handled.

Commissioner Glass also spoke that there may possibly be a recount of the State Senate race between candidates Oz and McCormick.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk